

Bruce H. Andrews, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

Marcus Dwayne Jadotte, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Commerce.

Marcia Stephens Bloom Bernicat, of New Jersey, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of Bangladesh.

James D. Pettit, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Moldova.

Laura S. Wertheimer, of the District of Columbia, to be Inspector General of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. **Page S3309**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—163) **Pages S3272–73**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:54 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3309.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

Committee on Appropriations: Committee adopted the fiscal year 2015 302(b) allocations.

Also, committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill making appropriations for Military Construction and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015; and

An original bill making appropriations for Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies for fiscal year 2015.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported an original bill entitled, "Carl Levin National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015".

TRANSIT INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing, Transportation and Community Development concluded a hearing to examine bringing our transit infrastructure to a state of good repair, after receiving testimony from Dorval Carter, Chief Counsel, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; Joseph M. Casey, Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Philadelphia; Beverly Scott, Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Boston; and Gary Thomas, Dallas Area Rapid Transit, Dallas, Texas.

ACCESS AND SUPPORTS FOR SERVICEMEMBERS AND VETERANS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine access and supports for servicemembers and veterans in higher education, after receiving testimony from Lauren Thompson Starks, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Under Secretary, Department of Education; Thomas L. Langdon, Director, State Liaison and Education Opportunities for Military Community and Family Policy, Readiness and Force Management, Department of Defense; William Hubbard, Student Veterans of America, Washington, DC; David Carlson, University of Vermont, Burlington; and Kimrey Rhinehardt, The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 28 public bills, H.R. 4714–4741; and 5 resolutions, H.

Con. Res. 100; and H. Res. 593–596 were introduced. **Pages H4828–30**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4830–31**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

USA Freedom Act: The House passed H.R. 3361, to reform the authorities of the Federal Government to require the production of certain business records, conduct electronic surveillance, use pen registers and trap and trace devices, and use other forms of information gathering for foreign intelligence, counterterrorism, and criminal purposes, by a yea-and-nay vote of 303 yeas to 121 nays, Roll No. 230.

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Pursuant to the rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in part B of H. Rept. 113–460 shall be considered as adopted, in lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence now printed in the bill.

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H. Res. 590, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4435) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3361), was agreed to yesterday, May 21st.

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015: The House passed H.R. 4435, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construction and to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, by a recorded vote of 325 yeas to 98 noes, Roll No. 240.

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Rejected the Peters (CA) motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Armed Services with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 194 yeas to 227 noes, Roll No. 239.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “To authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2015 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.”

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Agreed to:

McKinley amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that prohibits funds for the Administration to conduct any anti-fossil fuel climate change agenda, which includes the National Climate Assessment, the IPCC report, the UN’s Agenda 21, and the Social Cost of Carbon (by a recorded vote of 231 yeas to 192 noes, Roll No. 231);

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Shimkus amendment (No. 6 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that delays relinquishment or agreeing to any proposal relating to the relinquishment of the responsibility of NTIA over Internet domain name system functions by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information until GAO sub-

mits a report to Congress on the role of the NTIA with respect to the Internet domain name system (by a recorded vote of 245 yeas to 177 noes, Roll No. 232);

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Lamborn amendment (No. 17 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that limits the use of funds for implementing the New START treaty until certification that the Russian Federation is respecting Ukrainian sovereignty and is no longer violating the INF or CFE treaties (by a recorded vote of 233 yeas to 191 noes, Roll No. 236); and

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Blumenauer amendment (No. 24 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that requires CBO to update, on an annual basis, their report on the projected costs of U.S. nuclear forces (by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 199 noes, Roll No. 238).

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Rejected:

Smith (WA) amendment (No. 10 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that sought to provide a framework for closure of the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, by December 31, 2016 (by a recorded vote of 177 yeas to 247 noes, Roll No. 233);

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Smith (WA) amendment (No. 11 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that sought to eliminate indefinite military detention of any person detained under AUMF authority in the United States, its territories, or possessions, by providing for immediate transfer to trial and proceedings by a court established under the Constitution or any appropriate State court (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 230 noes, Roll No. 234);

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Jenkins amendment (No. 15 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that sought to create a moratorium on the insourcing of previously contracted activities within DOD. Exceptions would be made (1) if the activity was “inherently governmental”, and thereby should never have been contracted out in the first place; and (2) if DOD would employ a “reverse A–76” to itemize specific costs saved to the taxpayer should the DOD be able to perform the commercial activity more efficiently for the taxpayer (by a recorded vote of 179 yeas to 244 noes, Roll No. 235); and

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Schiff amendment (No. 21 printed in part A of H. Rept. 113–460) that was debated on May 21st that sought to sunset the 2001 AUMF effective 12 months from date of enactment of the bill (by a recorded vote of 191 yeas to 233 noes, Roll No. 237).

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Agreed that the Clerk be authorized to make technical and conforming changes to reflect the actions of the House. **Page H4812**

H. Res. 590, the rule providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4435) and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3361), was agreed to yesterday, May 21st.

Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 3 p.m. tomorrow, May 23rd; when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12 noon on Tuesday, May 27th; and when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Wednesday, May 28th at 12 noon for Morning Hour Debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business. **Page H4815**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H4804.

Senate Referral: S. 2086 was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Energy and Commerce. **Page H4804**

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea-and-nay vote and 10 recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4803–04, H4804–05, H4805, H4805–06, H4806–07, H4807, H4807–08, H4808–09, H4809, H4811 and H4811–12. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AND STATE ENFORCEMENT OF FRAUDULENT PATENT DEMAND LETTERS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade held a hearing on legislation regarding federal and state enforcement of fraudulent patent demand letters. Testimony was heard from Representatives Polis and Marino; and Lois Greisman, Associate Director, Bureau of Consumer Protection; Wendy Morgan, Chief, Public Protection Division, Office of Attorney General of Vermont; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee concluded a markup on the following legislation: H.R. 4200, the “SBIC Advisers Relief Act”; H.R. 4554, the “Restricted Securities Relief Act”; H.R. 4568, the “Small Business Freedom to Grow Act”; H.R. 4571, to direct the SEC to revise its rules so as to increase the threshold amount for requiring issuers to provide certain disclosures relating to compensatory benefits plans; H.R. 4569, the “Disclosure Modernization and Simplification Act”; H.R. 4570, the “Private Placement Improvement Act”; H.R.

4565, the “Startup Capital Modernization Act”; H.R. 1779, the “Preserving Access to Manufactured Housing Act”; H.R. 2673, the “Portfolio Lending and Mortgage Access Act”; H.R. 4466, the “Financial Regulatory Clarity Act”; and H.R. 4521, the “Community Institution Mortgage Relief Act”. The following bills were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 4200; H.R. 4554; H.R. 4568; H.R. 4570; H.R. 4565; H.R. 1779; H.R. 4521; and H.R. 2673. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 4571; H.R. 4569; and H.R. 4466.

GULF COOPERATION COUNCIL: DEEPENING RIFTS AND EMERGING CHALLENGES

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “The Gulf Cooperation Council: Deepening Rifts and Emerging Challenges”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROTECTING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM: U.S. EFFORTS TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE COUNTRIES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “Protecting Religious Freedom: U.S. Efforts to Hold Accountable Countries of Particular Concern”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING INNOVATIVE POSTAL PRODUCTS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service and the Census held a hearing entitled “Examining Innovative Postal Products for the 21st Century”. Testimony was heard from James P. Cochrane, Chief Information Officer and Executive Vice President, Postal Service; David C. Williams, Inspector General, Postal Service, Office of Inspector General; and public witnesses.

EVALUATING PUBLIC HOUSING IN THE U.S.: REINING IN WASTE, FRAUD, ABUSE AND MISMANAGEMENT AT PUBLIC HOUSE AUTHORITIES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “Evaluating Public Housing in the U.S.: Reining in Waste, Fraud, Abuse and Mismanagement at Public House Authorities”. Testimony was heard from Cecil House, General Manager, New York City Housing Authority; Kelvin Jeremiah,